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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

App. No.: 10/691,790 Att'y Docket: EH-10784 (02-609)  
Filing Date: October 23, 2003 Conf No.: 7184  
Inventor(s): Joseph D. Coughlan III et al. Group Art Unit: 3746  
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RESPONSE TO WRITTEN RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office action mailed February 8, 2007, for which a response is due on March 8, 2007.

Restriction

Restriction was required as follows:

- I. Claims 1-8, drawn to a heat shield with a rail spaced 3-10mm from the leading edge, classified in class 60, subclass 752.
- II. Claims 9-14, drawn to a heat shield with pins and cooling air directed toward leading edge portions of the first stage vanes of the turbine, classified in class 60, subclass 805.

Applicants elect Group I with traverse. Traverse is on the grounds that examination of all the claims would not present an undue burden. Although separately classified, the search classes of the two groups are expected to largely, if not completely, overlap. Accordingly, if the restriction requirement is withdrawn, claims 1-14 will be examined. If not withdrawn, claims 1-8 will be examined.

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Accordingly, Applicants submit that claims 1-14 are in condition for allowance. Please charge any fees or deficiency or credit any overpayment to our Deposit Account of record.

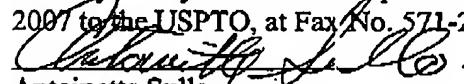
Respectfully submitted,

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